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SEVENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

OF REGULAR BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

Austin Church

Wilkes County

Oct. 4, 5 and 6, 1946

A. C. SIDDEN, Moderator ..... Joynes, N. C.

CHARLIE MILES, Sec. & Treas..... Traphill, N. C.

The next session will convene with Mountain Valley Church, at McGrady, N. C., to commence on Friday at 11:00 A. M. before the first Sunday in October 1947. Elder M. C. Dillard to preach the introductory sermon. Elder C. C. Burcham, Alternate.

PROCEEDINGS
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Convened with Austin Church, Wilkes County, N. C., October 4, 1946. Opening song: No. 1, Primitive Hymns, No. 533.

Service introduced by Elder M. F. Barker, read Luke 8:1-15. Song, "O For A Closer Walk With God." Prayer by Elder W. M. Andrews.

Introductory sermon by Elder G. R. Cox. Text: Gen. 1:3, "The spirit of God moved upon the waters."

Intermission of 30 minutes.

Delegates reassembled in the house. Song No. 200.

Association called to order by Elder Charlie Miles, Moderator.

Association opened by Elder Roby Johnson. Read St John 1:1-10. Song No. 285. Prayer by Elder Johnson.

1. Moderator called for associational letters. 18 were handed in and read and delegates seated.

2. On motion we invite newly constituted churches, or any Regular Baptist church of same faith and order. None came.

3. On motion we elect a moderatoor by ballot. Appointed Bro. J. N. Royal and Bro. C. S. McKnight tellers, who reported Elder A. C. Sidden moderator.

4. On motion we elect a clerk by acclamation. Elder Charlie Miles was elected. Remarks by Elder A. F. Walker.

5. On motion we invite correspondents of the same faith and order. A letter from the Union Association of Alleghany County, N. C., was received. The following brethren came forward and were seated: Elders H. F. Royal, G. M. Tedder, W. M. Andrews; Brethren Ernest Hoppers, Carlie Evans R. L. Hendrix C. S. McKnight, Felix Hincher.

6. On motion we invite transients and visitors of the same faith and order. Elder John Adams, Brethren F. M. Joines, Daniel Cleary, F. S. Delp, J. P. Brooks, G. E. Hamm, Franklin Royal; Sisters Mrs. Jesse Royal, Flora Jolly, Mattie Hincher came forward and were welcomed.

7. On motion we empower the moderator to make all temporary appointments. The following committees were appointed:

(a) On Ministry—G. F. Adams, Joe Norman, D. L. Holbrook.

(b) On Finance—D. H. Brown, L. W. Wood, B. F. Norman.

(c) On Arrangements—J. H. Stamper, Johnnie Nelson, G. M. Royal, F. H. Jennings M. C. Dillard. On motion moderator, clerk and corresponding brethren be added to this committee.

(d) On Obituaries—J. M. Spicer, S. T. Curry, L. B. Holbrook.

(e) On Resolutions—O. F. Richardson, C. C. Burcham, F. A. Norman.

(f) On Temperance—A. F. Walker, J. A. Harrold, A. C. Brown.

(g) On Time, Place and Preacher—J. T. Bauguess, J. Q. Walker, T. D. Barker.

(h) To Write a Corresponding Letter—Charlie Miles.

8. Committee on Ministry reported for tonight: 1st, M. F. Barker; 2nd, M. C. Dillard. For tomorrow at 1:00 P. M.: 1st, Elder W. M. Andrews; 2nd, Elder G. M. Tedder.

9. On motion we adjourn until 9:30 A. M. tomorrow. Spend 30 minutes in devotional exercise. The moderator called on Bro. C. S. McKnight to close the association, who made some timely remarks. Song, "What Wondrous Love Is This." Prayer by Elder M. C. Dillard.

FRIDAY NIGHT

1st, Elder M. F. Barker, Text: Gal. 6:9. 2nd, Elder M. C. Dillard, Text: St. John 5:6.

SATURDAY 9:30 A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday. Spent 30 minutes in devotional exercises.

Moderator called on Elder Charlie Miles to open the Association, who read the 23rd Psalm, called for song No. 285, and offered pr ayer.

Committee on Arrangements reported. On motion report received and take up items as they appear on bill:

1. Called roll and marked absentees.

2. Extended an invitation to newly constituted churches or any Regular Baptist church of our faith and order. None came.

3. Invited correspondents of same faith and order. None came.

4. Invited transcients and visitors of same faith and order: J. T. Miles from Union Association in Alleghany County came forward and was seated.

5. On motion elect the Clerk Treasurer, and that he have one thousand copies of the minutes printed and distributed according to contribution. He to have $20.00 for his service.

6. Called on Committee on Temperance to report. Report follows:

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following: The state of being drunken with alcoholic liquor. Intoxication. Figuratively used, it means satiety, to be carried away with idolatry and superstition; overwhelmed with joy, success and the like. Noah's is the first case of drunkenness with strong drink that we have on record. From that day to this a large percent of people have been given to indulgence in this degrading evil. Proverbs teaches "The drunkard and glutton shall come to poverty." Drunkeness crucifies happiness, bids love depart, turns tenderness to rage. It destroys youth and manhood, breaks loved ones hearts, hastens sickness, disease and death. It brings dishonor and shame. It is the parent of crime and infamy. Is society's worst enemy. Let us weed out our life and

country of such a debauching indulgence and put on the garment of manliness, fighting ever for total abstinence.

A. F. WALKER,
J. A. HARROLD,
A. C. BROWN, Committee.

Remarks by Elders A. F. Walker, Charlie Miles, A. C. Sidden, G. R. Cox, and M. C. Dillard. Report received.

7. Called on committee on Obituaries to report. They report 17 handed in. Report received and ordered obituaries printed.

8. Called on Committee on Resolutions to report. Report follows:

Whereas it has pleased Him that doeth all things well, to bestow upon us so many varied blessings, therefore be it resolved by this Association: That we first of all humbly thank Him, and pray for a continuation of those blessings during the coming year. Second, That we thank our corresponding brethren for their presence with us at this time. Third, That we express our heartfelt thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends of this community for their kind hospitality during this Association.

O. F. RICHARDSON,
C. C. BURCHAM,
F. A. NORMAN, Committee.

9. Called on Committee on Ministry to report. They report: For tonight—1st, Elder Roby Johnson: 2nd, Elder C. C. Burcham; 3rd, Elder H. F. Royal. For Sunday—To open services, Bro. C. S. McKnight. To preach—1st, Elder A. F. Walker; 2nd, Elder Charlie Miles; 3rd, Elder A. C. Sidden.

GEORGE ADAMS,
J. H. NORMAN,
D. L. HOLBROOK, Committee.

Report received.

10. Called on Treasurer of last year to report. Report follows:

Received from Finance Committee	$90.15	
Donation for Garden Creek Church	1.00	
Total	$91.15	
Paid for Minutes and Church Letters		$69.15
Clerk's fees allowed by the Association		20.00
Total		$89.15
Balance from last year	$106.81	
Total money in hands of Treasurer	197.96	
Balance due Association		$108.81

Report received.

11. Called for corresponding letter. Letter received and correspondents appointed as follows: To the Union Association, to be held with Saddle Mountain Church on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1947: Elders G. R. Cox, A. C. Sidden, Charlie Miles, M. C. Dillard A. F. Walker, Roby Johnson, and C. C. Burcham; Brethren G. M. Royal, A. Hincher, J. H. Holbrook, J. Q. Walker.

12. Called on Correspondents to report. At this time tribute was paid to Elder Dewey Cheek, who died before the Association. Elders A. F. Walker, A. C. Sidden, Charlie Miles, Bro. G. M. Royal reported having attended the Union Association and had an enjoyable time. Those who failed rendered an excuse. Report received.

13. Called on Committee on Finance to report. Report follows: Received from the churches, $104.10.

D. H. BROWN,
L. W. WOOD,
B. F. NORMAN, Committee.

Report received.

14. Called on Committee on Time, Place and Preacher to report. Report follows: Our next session to be held with Mountain Valley Church, on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1947. Elder M. C. Dillard to preach the Introductory sermon. Elder C. C. Burcham, alternate.

J. T. BAUGUESS,
J. Q. WALKER,
T. D. BARKER, Committee .

Report received.

15. On motion dispense with the reading of the minutes of today.

16. On motion adjourn. Prayer by Elder A. C. Sidden. Benediction by Elder W. M. Andrews.

ELDER A. C. SIDDEN, Moderator.
CHARLIE MILES, Clerk.

SATURDAY NIGHT

1st, Elder Roby Johnson; Text, Col., 1-18.
2nd, Elder C. C. Burcham; Text, Luke, 16:19.
3rd, Elder H. F. Royal; Text, Rev., 22:12.

SUNDAY, 10:00 A. M.

Service introduced by Bro. C. S. McKnight, reading Cor. 13, and offering prayer.

1st, Elder A. F. Walker; Text, Ezekiel, 16:8.
2nd, Elder Charlie Miles; Text, 1st John, 5:11.
3rd, Elder A. C. Sidden; Text, Acts, 10:34.

A large and attentive audience was present to hear the messages. Benediction by Charlie Miles.

ROLL OF DELEGATES

Antioch—W. V. Nelson, Johnnie Nelson.
Austin—B. C. Speaks, G. F. Lyon, D. H. Brown, G. R. Cox, Granville Lyon.
Bethany—L. W. Wood, M. A. Blackburn, H. M. Wiles, Glenn Wood.
Center—A. Hincher, C. R. Huie, G. F. Adams.
Double Creek—A. M. Holbrook, D. L. Holbrook, F. C. Armes.

Liberty Knob—Charlie Miles, J. N. Royal, G. M. Royal Clay Royal, E. C. Wood.
Mining Ridge—Billie Snow, B. F. Norman, S. M. Golden.
Mountain Valley—J. H. Stamper, Dewey Shumate, Charlie Stamper, Chester Sidden, Arthur Stamper.
Mount Zion—F. H. Jennings, Otto Combs.
New Covenant—M. C. Dillard, T. A. Miles, J. G. Miles.
Oak Level—J. M. Spicer, J M. Cockerham, T. D. Barker, D. C. Gentry, Johnnie Wilson.
Rachael—S. T. Curry, W. S. Billings.
Roaring River—L. B. Holbrook, J. Q. Walker, A. C. Sidden, J. H. Holbrook.
Round Hill—J. T. Bauguess, Claud Billings, O. F. Richardson, R. D. Holbrook.
Round Mountain—C. C. Burcham, J. T. Felts, S. M. Shumate, A. C. Brown, A. J. Holbrook.
Union—F. A. Norman, H. W. Cox, J. R. Royal.
Union Hill—A. F. Walker, C. C. McCann, K. H. Walker, Joe Norman.
Zion—J. A. Harrold.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Adams, John F. ..... R. 2, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Adams, H. A. ..... R. 2, North Wilkesboro N. C.
Barker, M. F. ..... R. 1, Roaring River, N. C.
Brown, D. H. ..... R. 1, Traphill, N. C.
Brown, J. W. ..... R. 1, Traphill, N. C.
Burcham, C. C. ..... R. 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Callaway, J. F. ..... North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Cleary, D. O. ..... North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Cox, G. R. ..... Ararat, Va.
Dillard, D. M. ..... Hays, N. C.
Dillard, M. C. ....., Hays, N. C.
Harrold, J. C. ..... R. 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Harrold, R. F. ..... Hays, N. C.
Holbrook, Dewey ..... Winston-Salem, N. C.
Miles, Charlie ..... Traphill, N. C.
Sidden, A. C. ..... Joynes, N. C.
Thompson, Foy ..... R. 3, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Walker, A. F. ..... Thurmond, N. C.
Walker, J. W. ..... Hays, N. C.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	Ordained Ministers	Licentiates	Saturday of Ch. Meeting	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Application	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Members	Contribution	Time of Communion Meeting
Antioch	Virgil Jenkins, Mack Dowell	Franklin Royal, McGrady, N. C.	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	46	$ 3.00	Sept.
Austin	H. F. Royall, G. R. Cox, Charlie Miles	B. C. Speaks, Traphill, N. C.	2	....	1	....	2	1	1	....	....	2	70	8.00	July
Bethany	Roby Johnson, Charlie Miles	L. W. Wood, North Wilkesboro, N. C.	2	....	4	10	....	1	1	....	....	1	135	7.75	July
Center	G. R. Cox	Elmer Barlow, N. Wilkesboro, N. C.	2	....	1	4	2	....	....	4	....	1	144	7.10	Aug.
Double Creek	Arthur Gambill	A. M. Holbrook, Abshers, N. C.	....	....	2	....	....	1	....	....	1	1	54	5.50	Aug.
Liberty Knob	A. F. Walker, Charlie Miles	J. N. Royal, Roaring Gap, N. C.	1	....	3	....	....	....	....	2	....	3	32	5.00	Aug.
Mining Ridge	A. C. Sidden, Charlie Miles	F. C. Wall, Dobson, N. C.	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	2	....	1	24	4.00	Aug.
Mountain Valley	R. F. Harrold, Uriah Hanks, Arthur Gambill	Wade Stamper, McGrady, N. C.	....	....	1	8	2	....	....	....	....	1	45	7.10	Aug.
Mount Zion	Foy Thompson	Thos. Meacham, R. 3, Winston-Salem	2	....	4	1	....	....	....	4	....	1	102	10.00	June
New Covenant	M. C. Dillard, Ernest Blevins	T. A. Miles, Hays, N. C.	2	....	3	3	....	....	....	2	1	1	109	6.30	Aug.
Oak Level	M. F. Barker, H. A. Adams	J. M. Spicer, Traphill, N. C.	1	1	3	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	80	3.25	Aug.
Rachael	John Burcham, Charlie Miles	S. T. Curry, Roaring River, N. C.	....	....	1	9	....	....	....	....	....	....	151	5.00	Aug.
Roaring River	R. J. Toliver, A. C. Sidden	R. A. Sidden, Joynes, N. C.	1	2	4	3	....	....	....	4	....	4	124	8.75	July
Round Hill	L. E. Sparks	J. T. Bauguess, Lomax, N. C.	2	....	2	1	....	....	....	5	1	....	122	3.00	Aug.
Round Mountain	H. A. Adams, A. C. Sidden, M. C. Dillard	J. C. Felts, Hays, N. C.	4	....	1	....	....	....	....	2	....	1	71	4.00	Aug.
Union	A. C. Sidden, Charlie Miles	W. M. Royal, Traphill, N. C.	....	....	3	4	4	....	....	....	....	....	47	5.35	July
Union Hill	A. F. Walker, John Adams	C. C. McCann, Thurmond, N. C.	1	1	1	....	1	....	....	2	....	....	52	5.00	Sept.
Zion	R. F. Harrold, D. C. Miller, D. M. Dillard	J. A. Harrold, Hays, N. C.	1	....	4	....	....	....	....	1	....	2	86	5.00	Aug.
Garden Creek	Not represented	$1.00 donated for Garden Creek	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1.00	
		Totals	22	4	....	44	11	3	2	28	3	20	1494	104.10	

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENT	SECRETARY	No. Teachers	No. Enrolled	Average Attendance	Months Kept Open
Austin	B. C. Speaks	Nora Brown	4	71	40	12
Bethany	H. M. Wiles	Ennice Wood	3	55	35	12
Center	John Billings	Mrs. Rosa Lee Shumate	4	65	38	12
Mt. Zion	F. H. Jennings	Thomas Meacham	8	125	91	12
Oak Level	Alton Carter	Callie West	4	70	36	12
Rachael	J. R. Dimmette	Bettie Dimmette	4	103	45	6
Round Mountain	J. C. Harrold	Mrs. Elma Adams	3	66	32	6
Union	Ted Church	H. W. Cox	4	60	49	10
		Totals	34	615	366	

OBITUARIES

CHEEK

Elder Adam Dewey Cheek, born July 22, 1900. Died March 25, 1946, age 45 years 8 months, 3 days. He was married to Ulala Scott, April 28, 1925. To this union were born 5 children, 3 boys, Fred, Junior and Clyde; two girls, Lucile and Joyce, all living. Two brothers living, Charlie Cheek, Winston-Salem, N. C., Paul Cheek, State Road, N. C. One sister living, Mrs. Bertie Wood, Winston-Salem, N. C.

He professed a living hope about the age of 18 years. Been a member of the church more than 20 years. He was a member of Mining Ridge Regular Baptist Church at death. He exercised a public gift about 10 years before he was ordained to the full function of the Bible. He was faithul to his calling and ever contending for the faith once delivered to the saints. Not strong in body, but strong in faith. His sermons were pointed. He could interest his congregation. All who heard him once wanted to hear him again. He will be missed in our churches, in the home and in the community by all who knew him.

Through cold and heat, he often went,
To call poor sinners to repent.
How often have we looked for him,
And often seen him come;
But now he has gone from us,
Never more to return.

Now to his brother preachers, his loving wife and dear children, which were near to his heart: If he could speak to us, he would say, "Don't grieve for me, neither lament nor mourn, for I shall with my Jesus be, when you are left alone." So farewell to you, Brother Dewey, for awhile, till we meet on Canan's shore and cast our crowns at Jesus' feet.

Written by request. A. F. WALKER.

WOOD

John Wesley Wood, born October 10, 1865. Died May 13, 1946, age 80 years, 7 months 3 days.

He professed faith in Christ in early boyhood. He was a charter member of Liberty Knob church. Served as deacon. Attended church regularly until his declining health.

He was married to Alice Elizabeth Pruitt January, 1891, being married 55 years. Unto this union were born four childern, all living: Mrs. Bertha Bumgarner, Millers Creek, N. C., Mrs. Pearl Lyon, Trap-

hill, N. C., Mrs. Maude Hayes and Mrs. Ora Belle Wagoner, Jonesville, N. C. One brother, William Wood, North Wilkesboro, N. C. Two sisters, Mrs. Rhoda Wood and Mrs. Fannie Hudson, North Wilkesboro, N. C. Five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

His body was laid to rest in the narrow confines of the tomb, at Charity, to await the resurrection morning.

Funeral was conducted by Elders A. F. Walker and Charlie Miles. A request of the deceased and family.

A. F. WALKER.

BARKER

Elder John N. Barker, born July 11, 1855. Died December 25, 1945, age 90 years, 5 months, 14 days.

Married to SarahLaster, February 7, 1877. To this union was born 10 children, 6 now living. His wife preceded him in death 22 years.

His second marriage was to Paulina Hincher, in 1925. She died in 1939. He professed a hope in Christ in early life and united with Center church. Later moved his membership to Oak Level church and after his second marriage moved to Liberty Knob church.

He was licentiated March third Saturday, 1896. Ordained November third Saturday, 1896. He served as pastor of several churches.

He leaves 6 children, 38 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn their loss.

The pain of death is past,
Labor and sorrow are no more;
Gone to meet with loved ones
On that bright Celestial shore.

Remember, friends, as you pass by,
As you are now, so once was I;
As I am now soon shall you be,
Prepare for death and follow me.

Written by his daughter.

MRS. J. A. WEST.

BURCHETTE

Christopher Columbus Burchette, son of the late Martin and Bethania Wood Burchette, born March 16, 1870. Died September 14, 1946. Age 76 years, 5 months and 28 days.

Married to Martha Pruitt on the Third Sunday in March, 1896. To this union was born three children, all living: Matilda J. Billings, Glade Valley, N. C., Walter Burchette, Winston-Salem, N. C., and Ira Burchette, Traphill, N. C.; also surviving are six grandchildren.

He professed a hope in Christ and joined Traphill Baptist Church about 1898; later moved to Oak Level Church, later moved to Roaring River Baptist Church where he was a faithful member for more than 35 years. In his passing the family loses a devoted husband and father, the church a faithful member and the community loses a kind, accommodating neighbor, but we believe our loss is his eternal gain.

SMOOT

Sallie Hanks Smoot was born December 5, 1860. Died December 15, 1945. Age 85 years, 10 days.

She was married to John Smoot January 24, 1886. To this union was born three children, Charlie Smoot, of Traphill, N. C., Maude Smoot Brown, who preceded her in death March 29, 1942, Will Smoot of Benham, N. C., fifteen grandchildren, twenty-six great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

She professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined old "Peach Orchard" Baptist church, later joined Charity Methodist church, and in January, 1928, was a charter member of Austin Baptist church, where she remained a faithful member until death.

Her husband preceded her in death June 13, 1917. She was loved by all that knew her. We feel that our loss is her eternal gain.

We do not know why she should go,
Our kind and loving mother,
While here we stay to plod our way,
And cannot have another.

She was so kind, no words we find
To tell her real worth;
Her vacant seat our eyes now meet,
And saddens all the earth.

But 'tis God's way, and so we say,
Thy will on earth be done,
He bore the cross, but 'twas not loss,
By this a crown he won.

Through faith so sweet we hope to meet,
Beyond the shore of time,
Those gone before, and there adore,
Where angel voices chime.

There'll be no death, no suffering breath,
There'll even be no pain,
But God's great light will banish night,
Where loved ones meet again.

'Twill be so sweet, once more to meet,
Where we shall never part,
To be at rest with all the blest,
And never an aching heart.

While ages roll, our enraptured soul
Shall join the heavenly strands,
To shout God's praise through endless days,
In the house not made with hands.

WOOD

Mary Ann Richardson Wood, born June 9, 1866. Died August 29, 1946. Age 80 years, 2 months, 20 days.

Married to Robert H. Wood about 1888. To this union was born 11 children, 5 dead, 6 living.

Professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined the church. Later joined Roaring River Church where her membership remained.

We know in part, her suffering here
And where she lived and went,
But have no record of the sigh and tear,
Or prayers to heaven she sent.

We saw her form so weak and frail,
With age so fast declining,
But cannot see beyond the vail,
Her life that still is shining.

We saw her home and knew her life,
And felt her kind warm hands,
But cannot see beyond all strife,
Where Christ her master stands.

We heard her groans and saw her tears,
And knew her life on earth,
But can not hear her shouts and cheers,
Or hear her praise and mirth.

LYON

Elder Thomas Morgan Lyon, son of the late Thomas and Ruth Wood Lyon, born February 12, 1874. Died December 2, 1943. Age 69 years, 9 months, 20 days.

He professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined Liberty Knob Baptist church later moved his membership to Round Hill Baptist church. Later moved to Traphill Baptist church, where he remained a faithful member until death. He was ordained to the ministry in 1907, which trust he filled with dignity and honor, being often called to take part in the service of other churches.

His first wife, Anna Miles, and two sons, Walter and Claud, preceded him in death.

In January, 1931, he was married to Miss Edna Cockerham. To this union was born six children, all of whom are living. Two daughters of the first marriage, Mrs. Lelia Nelson and Mrs. Vaudie Brown, together with five grandchildren, one brother, E. S. Lyon, Sparta, N. C., two sisters, Mrs. Eliza Smith Traphill, and Mrs. Phoeba Hanks, Reidsville, N. C., with unnumbered friends are left to mourn his passing. However we are consoled with the thought that our loss is temporary and is his eternal gain.

Funeral services were conducted from the home December 3, 1943, by Elders Grant Cothren, H. F. Royal and Charlie Miles, after which his body was laid to rest in the family cemetery near the old home in the presence of a large audience and amid a profuse floral tribute.

Sleep on, dear brother, your rest is won
No more trials, care and pain;
We trust to meet and hear "Well done,"
When we may join the heavenly strain.

SIDDEN

Minnie Lucille Sidden was born October 20, 1926. Died Dec. 16, 1945. Age 19 years, 1 month and 26 days. She professed a hope in Christ and joined Roaring River church Aug. 2, 1942. Her life was that of a Christian. She suffered much but bore her suffering with a great deal of fortitude and patience. Aided by the best medical skill available she made a great fight to live but it was not in the book as written by Him that doeth all things well.

Her disposition as manifested under her afflictions was such that displayed friendship, courtesy, and respect for others. Her life was such that it made for her many friends, who prayed or her to get well, and many were the expressions of sympathy and best wishes.

We shall cherish her memory with a consciousness of her suffering, a knowledge of our loss and her great gain, for The Word says: "There remaineth a rest for the people of God." Hers is a rest from pain, a rest from trouble, a rest from sitting long hours gasping and fighting for breath, a rest from longing and wishing to be well, a rest from the consciousness she had of other people having to wait upon her, a rest from all things earthly.

Then snow of winter may fall and cover her new made grave, she will not feel its chill. The summer sun may send its rays of heat and cause one living to seek comfort in the shade, she will not feel its rays. There will be other deaths and funerals, she will not mourn, for her, "There shall be no more sorrow."

She leaves to moun her passing, her father, mother, five brothers and three sisters. Her oldest brother, Kermit, is in the U. S. Army overseas. One infant brother lies in the church yard by an open grave, the grave of Lucille, soon they will be sleeping side by side to await the dawning of the tomorrow, the resurrection morn.

At nine o'clock, and angels knock,
Announced 'twas time to go,
And from our embrace, was carried through space
A form we cherished so.

And since we know she suffered so,
To her it was relief;
Her vacant seat our eyes now meet,
'Tis ours to bear the grief.

But never a tear can reach up where
Our dear one is transplanted;
Her suffering done, her crown is won,
Her last request is granted.

While we still wait outside the gate,
Where troubles o'er us roll,
She'll e'er abide at His dear side,
A happy, ransomed soul.

We see today her lifeless clay,
No spirit in it dwells;
That our bodies must return to dust,
This scene so plainly tells.

But may we be resigned as she
And walk in wisdom's ways,
And through God's Son, when life is done,
Join there in endless praise.

While we drop for her a sorrowing tear,
And bid her face good bye,
May we lose our fears, and dry our tears,
As we look to joy on high.

Where we live by sight, in the land of light
And nothing can molest,
Through endless days, join heavenly praise,
In the region of the blest.

Not one sad sound will e'er be found,
As we shout on glittering strands,
Come go with me, we will happy be,
In the house not made with hands.

RHOADES

Selina Walker Rhoades, daughter of Rev. J. W. Walker and Lucinda Soots Walker, born May 17, 1879. Died March 19, 1946. Making her stay on earth 67 years, 10 months and 2 days.

She was married to William Rhoades, October 8, 1894. To this union was born six children. Tyra, Quincy, Dewey and her husband preceded her in death. Surviving are Mrs. Lula Jones, Alonzo Rhoades and Coyd Rhoades.

She professed a hope in Christ and joined Cane Creek Baptist church in early life. Later moved her membership to Zion Baptist church, where she remained a member until death.

She leaves three children, two whole brothers, three whole sisters,

five half-sisters, two half-brothers, seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn her passing.

Mother, mother, how we loved her,
But Jesus loved her more;
He has called her home to be with Him,
On that bright and happy shore.
A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we loved to hear is still;
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.

HAYES

Benjamin F. Hayes, born November 19, 1875. Died June 12, 1946, making his stay on earth 71 years, 7 months, 24 days.

He professed a hope in Christ at an early age and joined Cane Creek church. Later he moved his membership to Zion Baptist church, where he remained a faithful member until death.

He was a good husband, a kind father and a good neighbor.

He was first married to Frances Elizabeth Roope, June 17, 1898. To this union was born twelve children, Mrs. Roby Walker, Mrs. Lonnie Felts, Mrs. Alvis Harrold, Mrs. Carl Price, Mrs. Raymond Walker, Mrs. Troy Bailey, Oscar Hayes, Chal Hayes, Mrs. Grant Shumate and Carl Hayes. His first wife preceded him in death, also two children died in infancy. He was later married to Bertha Folden, November 9, 1936. To this union was born one child, Terral Hayes.

He leaves his wife, 11 children, 3 brothers, 25 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn his passing.

Funeral services were held at the home by Elders D. M. Dillard, Troy Blevins, D. C. Miller, R. F. Harrold and Hillery Blevins. He was laid to rest in the family cemetery.

Dear husband and father is gone,
Oh, how sad, how sad,
And our hearts are grieved with pain;
The pain of death has passed,
Labor and sorrow ceased,
Life's toil closed at last.

He has left this world of trouble,
Gone where sorrows are no more;
Gone to meet Jesus and loved ones,
On that bright celestial shore.

Time has passed since that sad day
The one we loved was called away;
God took you, it was His will,
But your memory lingers still.

More and more each day we miss you,
Friends may think the wound is healed;
But they little know the sorrow
That lies in our hearts concealed.

God needed another angel
To worship before His throne,
So He looked down from heaven
And called our loved one home.

A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is still,
A place is vacant in our home
No one on earth can fill.

Death breaks the ties of strongest love,
Fills our heart with grief and pain;
But those that meet in heaven above
Will never, never part again.

HANDY

Clara Belle Handy, daughter of Lonnie and Gladys Shumate Handy, born August 20, 1945. Died July 11, 1946, making her stay on earth 10 months, 21 days.

She is survived by her father and mother and a host of relatives and friends.

Father and mother, weep not because of her death,
For she has gone home where there is no more struggle for breath.
God needed another angel to worship around His throne,
So He looked down from heaven and called your baby home.
So just be ready to meet her when the days of life have fled,
Up there with joy to greet her, where no farewell tears are shed.

LYON

Wadie Lyon, born October 26, 1867. Died January 31, 1946. Age 78 years, 3 months 5 days. Daughter of Thomas and Ruth Wood Lyon. Surviving are one brother E. S. Lyon, Sparta, N. C., two sisters, Mrs. Eliza Smith, Traphill, N. C., Mrs. Phoeba Hanks, Reidsville, N. C. She was preceded in death by her father and mother, one brother, T. M. Lyon, and a small sister, Levia Lyon.

She professed a hope in Christ in early life and united with Liberty Knob Baptist church, where she remained a member until death.

CROUSE

Roetta Orsborne Crouse, born November 22, 1903. Died December 12, 1945. Age 42 years, 20 days.

She was married to George Crouse December 6, 1941. To this union was born one child, December 18, 1942. Name Dewey Davis Crouse, born dead.

She professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined Pleasant Grove Baptist church. Was baptized by Elders M. E. Poole and Andy McKnight. After her marriage she moved to Wilkes County and joined Austin Baptist church by letter, where she remained a faithful member until death.

She was the daughter of Aaron Orsborne and Ida Orsborne, of Alleghany County.

In the last few years of her life her health was bad, but she was good to attend her church meeting, and to always enjoy the services.

Written by ELDER HARDIN BROWN.

JOHNSON

Miss Rebecca Belle Johnson, daughter of the late John M. Johnson and Martha Stamper Johnson, born June 30, 1881. Died August 24, 1946. Age 65 years, 1 month, 24 days.

She professed a hope in Christ and joined Roaring River church during the August revival meeting in 1910, where she remained a constant and faithful member. She was preceded in death by three brothers and six sisters. She leaves a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss, but we hope our loss is her eternal gain.

STAMPER

Sallie Wagoner Stamper, wife of J .M. Stamper, born 1855. Died October 1, 1946, making her stay on earth 91 years.

She professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined the church at old Mulberry. Later moved her membership to Mountain Valley church, where she remained a member until death.

She leaves nine children, a number of grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn their loss.

Mother, mother, how we loved her,
But Jesus loved her more;
He has called her home to him,
On that bright and happy shore.
A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is stilled;
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.

Written by her children and grandchildren.

HOLBROOK

Shelly Howard Holbrook, son of John A. and Bessie Holbrook, born April 19, 1922. Died April 29, 1946, making his stay here on earth 24 years, 10 days.

He professed a hope in Christ and joined the church at Double Creek and was baptized by Elders A. C. Sidden and Arthur Gambill,

August 15, 1939, where he remained a member until death.

He leaves a father, mother, two brothers and two sisters, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. But we believe our loss is his heavenly gain. For Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you; and if I go and prepare a place for you I will receive you unto myself that where I am there ye may be also." So God saw fit to call him home from this vain world of sin. I hope one day we all shall meet him where we shall never part again.

Written by his mother.

BALDWIN

Sara Jane Byrd Baldwin died November 24, 1945, age unknown, the family record being destroyed by fire.

She was married to Franklin Baldwin who preceded her in death about 35 years ago. She is survived by eight children.

She joined New Covenant Baptist church, August, 1901, where she remained a member until death.

Though weak and drawn and filled with pain,
Of life she did not tire;
She is gone with Him to reign,
Who called to "Come up higher."

BROWN

Martha Ann Holbrook Brown was born April 4, 1862. Died Feb. 7, 1946. Age 83 years, 10 months and three days.

She professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined the church at Roaring River. When Garden Creek church was constituted she was one of the members.

She was married to J. M. Brown Nov. 22, 1883. Unto this union were born seven children, four of whom are now living. The living are Mrs. J. N. Royal of Roaring Gap, N. C., Mrs. A. C. Sidden, Mrs. Arlie Gentry and Mr. Marion Brown, all of Joynes, N. C.

She lived a noble, industrious and exemplary Christian life. She loved her family, their friends, and was kind to all that she met. She loved to go to church and enjoyed the worship of her maker. Her life was such that she had no enemies and in death she leaves nothing but regret from all who knew her.

After a long life of mingled joy and suffering and a few last hours of intense agony and pains he went to sleep and the end came peacefully and easy, and she will now be sleeping side by side with her husband whom she loved dearly, and who died seven years ago.

Resurrection morning, glorious thought,
No such joys can be bought.
Christ on the cross our salvation wrought,
And hope to mortals brought.
Christ is the resurrection and the Life;
A new heaven and earth where exists no strife

Is to be the everlasting home of those who arise,
And go to meet Him in the skies.
Together with all those who are saved,
We will walk the streets that with gold are paved,
And sing the song of Moses and the Lamb,
Forever, yes forever! in that happy land.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known by the name of Primitive Baptist Association, and shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent in the Association; who on producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to the seats. Each church shall be entitled to five delegates. In their letters is to be expressed their number in full fellowship, baptized, received by letter, by application and good recommendation, dismissed by letter, excluded, and dead since last Association.

2. The number thus chosen and convened shall have no power to Lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in her union.

3. The Association when convened shall be governed by a regular decorum.

4. The Association shall have a Moderator and Secretary, who shall be chosen annually by a majority of the votes of the members present, majority of the churches being represented.

5. New churches of any regular Baptist church of Jesus Christ of our Faith and Order in good standing, either dismissed by letter from Sister Associations, or by application and good recommendation, by sending up letter and delegates shall be admitted into the union.

6. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

8. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of its proceedings, the best method of accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

9. We think it neceesary to have an association fund to defray the expenses of the Association, and it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and those moneys shall be deposited in the hands of a Treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same, and the Association shall appropriate the money thus contributed to any purpose they may think proper.

10. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a Secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a reasonable compensation for his services.

11. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

12. Amendment to this form of Government may be made at any time, by a majority of the Association, when they may deem it expedient by giving the churches twelve months' notice.

13. The Association shall act as advisory council and shall endeavor to preserve a general union of the churches, and also preserve a chain of communion among the churches and give advice in matters of difficulty.

14. The Association shall inquire into the cause if any church fails to represent at any time in the Association.

15. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her union that shall violate the rules of this Constitution or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

16. The Association may correspond with Sister Associations and invite any brother in the ministry in good standing or that can bring a good recommendation of his standing who may be of our faith and order to a seat in the Association, who may be present at the time of its sitting.

17. The Association shall have power to adjourn to any future time or place it may think proper.

18. The benevolent institutions of the day shall be no bar nor test to fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain the same as they may choose.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at the same time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

3. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator, until he is done speaking.

4. He shall strictly adhere to his subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who speaks before, by making remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as clearly as he can, so as to convey his light or idea.

5. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association, without liberty obtained from the body, for his absence.

6. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject, without liberty obtained from the Association.

7. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in time of public speech.

8. No member of the Association shall address another by any other appellation than that of Brother.

9. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member, nor prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he violates the Rules of Decorum.

10. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Secretary and called over as often as the Association requires.

11. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided, then he may give the casting vote.

12. Any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association, as shall be deemed proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are One.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, and the only rule of Faith and Practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of Election by Grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin, and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the spirit of God, shall never finally fall away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and we believe the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the Resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinance of the Gospel, except such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.